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In re Application of BREEDVELD et al.

Confirmation No. 7309

Application No. 10/597,186

Examiner:

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For: INSTRUMENT FOR FINE-MECHANICAL OR SURGICAL APPLICATIONS

RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C 371

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Sir:

In the above-identified application, Applicants have received a Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C 371, mailed February 20, 2008, indicating that the signed declaration was missing. Applicants hereby submit the signed declaration for the above-identified application signed by the inventors. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0951 in the amount of \$65.00 for the surcharge required under 37 C.F.R. §1.492(e). The Commissioner is further authorized to charge any underpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0951. A copy of the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C 371 dated February 20, 2008 is enclosed. Examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated Office (37 CFR 1.494):

- · Indication of Small Entity Status
- Priority Document
- · Copy of the International Application filed on 07/14/2006
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 07/14/2006
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 07/14/2006
- · Information Disclosure Statements filed on 07/14/2006
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 07/14/2006
- · Specification filed on 07/14/2006
- Claims filed on 07/14/2006
- · Abstracts filed on 07/14/2006
- Drawings filed on 07/14/2006

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The following items MUST be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
- To avoid abandonment, a surcharge (for late submission of filing fee, search fee, examination fee or oath or declaration) as set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(h) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is \$65 for a Small Entity:

· \$65 Surcharge.

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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